



Docket No.: 1330.1089

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Richard CARR, et al.

Serial No. 09/788,611

Group Art Unit: 3625

Confirmation No. 4560

Filed: February 21, 2001

Examiner: Matthew S. Gart

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMICALLY MAINTAINING AND EXECUTING
DATA DEFINITIONS AND/OR BUSINESS RULES FOR AN ELECTRONIC
PROCUREMENT SYSTEM

REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed October 6, 2006.

REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the remarks in the Appeal Brief are sufficient to respond to the outstanding rejections. However, the following additional comments are submitted.

Claim 73 recites *a plurality of financial systems*, and that the shared executable hosted e-procurement system has an executable implementing *a respective user requested transaction* by a respective user with *a selected financial system*.

On page 8 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner correlates the data sources (such as URL addresses, digital certificate revocation lists, customer identification/account numbers and membership/association lists) of Dahan to the claimed financial systems.

However, the user in Dahan does not implement a user requested transaction with a selected data source. Instead, in Dahan, the data sources are simply accessed to provide information so that a decision can be made on a transaction. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the data sources in Dahan do not correlate to the financial systems of claim 73.

In the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner also refers to the table in column 5 of Dahan. The table includes the action steps of "refer to Regional Credit Department". The Examiner then appears to assert that Dahan is operable with a plurality of such Regional Credit Departments, and that each such Regional Credit Department is a different financial system.

However, in Dahan, a referral is simply made to a Regional Credit Department when a user credit worthiness falls within a certain range. Dahan does not implement a respective user requested transaction with a selected Regional Credit Department.

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Claim 94 recites that the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction, and that the needed data fields are transmitted to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system.

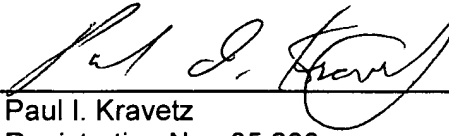
On page 9 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner correlates the user template data 438 of Dahan to the claimed data fields. However, user template data 438 simply allows a user to define variables that are to be used by a rules engine to make a decision. See, for example, column 9, lines 1-13, of Dahan. These defined variables are not included in the profile identifier of Dahan. Accordingly, Dahan does not disclose or suggest that the organizational profiles include data fields needed by the application system to implement the respective user requested transaction, and that the needed data fields are transmitted to the application system by the shared executable hosted e-procurement system, as recited, for example, in claim 94.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections are overcome.

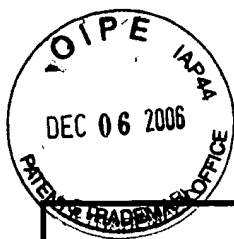
Respectfully submitted,

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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	16	- 92 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6	- 16 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160)):					0.00
Reply Brief					0.00
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 0.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
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